

STOCKING SCHEDULE

Rainbow trout are stocked during the winter months at Fountain Bluff Sports Complex, Johnston Lake, Chaumiere Lake, Jesse James Park Lake and Coot and Plover Lakes at the James A. Reed Wildlife Area. Honker Pond at the James A. Reed Wildlife Area is also stocked for youth ages 15 years and younger. The weather can play havoc with the stocking schedule. Poor road conditions or frozen lakes can cause delays in stockings. The most up-to-date information on stockings is available by calling the Fish Stocking Information Line at **816-525-0300**.

FISHING TIPS

Trout can be caught using a variety of baits and lures. Fly fishermen will find plenty of thrills and the novice trout fisherman can use anything from nightcrawlers or kernel corn to small spinner baits and prepared baits to catch trout. The best bet for children is to bait a small hook with kernel corn or prepared bait and attach a small bobber to the line to make detecting a bite easier. Spincast reels are the easiest for children to use and are inexpensive.

Minimize the time you play a fish. Select the heaviest tackle appropriate for the prevailing conditions. If you're practicing catch-and-release fishing, handle trout gently and release them as quickly as possible. Holding fish out of the water reduces their survival rate. If you must handle the trout, gently cradle the fish upside down to reduce struggling while the hook is removed. Use hemostats or needle nose pliers to back the hook out from its point of entry in the jaw of a trout. Single barbless hooks are easier to remove. If a fish is deeply hooked in the throat or gills, cut the line and leave the hook in the fish. Do not try to remove a deeply embedded hook from a fish you intend to release.

Kansas City Winter Trout Fishing Program



Missouri Department of Conservation



IN COOPERATION WITH

Kansas City, MO

Kearney, MO

Liberty, MO

Raymore, MO

Departments of Parks and Recreation

Purpose:

Since 1992, the Missouri Department of Conservation has stocked four Kansas City area lakes with trout during the winter months. This program is designed to provide anglers the opportunity to have quality fishing year-round. Trout are cold-water fish and are easy for even the novice angler to catch.

Regulations:

Special regulations apply; see signs posted at lakes. Missouri residents over 15 and under 65 years of age, and non-residents over 15, need a Missouri Fishing Permit. All anglers must also have a Missouri Trout Permit in order to possess trout (does not apply to catch-and-release fishing). The following special regulations also apply: Fish may be taken by pole and line only, and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person. The daily limit is 4 trout. There is no length limit on trout.

Locations:

The following table lists the lakes that are stocked with rainbow trout. The map on the facing page gives a relative location of each of the stocked lakes.

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Chaumiere	NE 43rd Terr. & Chouteau Trfy., Kansas City, MO
Fountain Bluff Sports Complex	2200 E Old Hwy., Liberty, MO
Coot & Plover Lakes at James A. Reed MWA	12405 SE Ranson Rd., Lee's Summit, MO
Jesse James Park Lake	3001 N Hwy. 33, Kearney, MO
Johnston Lake	701 Johnston Parkway, Raymore, MO

For more information, visit short.mdc.mo.gov/Zp7 or call the Missouri Department of Conservation, Kansas City Regional Office at 816-622-0900.

